

# AMCP NEWS AND VIEWS

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**Highlighting Trends in Pain Management**  
[Thursday, February 9, 2017, 2-3pm, ET](#)

**Implications for Managed Care Pharmacy from the 2018 Medicare Part D Call Letter and Star Ratings Release**  
[Thursday, March 2, 2017, 2-3pm, ET](#)

**AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting 2017**  
[March 27-30, Denver Colorado Convention Center](#)



● MARCH 27-30  
● COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER  
● DENVER, CO



Specialty Pharmacy Connect  
Provides Annual Meeting



## Attendees With Latest Insights into Fast-Growing Sector

This year's pre-event to the AMCP Annual Meeting 2017 will focus on precision medicine in oncology, management of rare diseases with orphan drugs, and use of big data in specialty pharmacy. Specialty Pharmacy Connect, held Monday, March 27 from noon to 5:45p.m., is designed for industry leaders, experts and managed care pharmacists who want a strategic view into this fast-growing pharmacy sector. This year's event has been enhanced with panel discussions and increased opportunities for interaction with colleagues. Also new is the ability to earn 3.5 hours of continuing pharmacy education credit. Susan Winckler, former chief of the staff for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, will moderate. The agenda includes didactic presentations and panel discussion on:

- [The New Era of Precision Medicine in Oncology](#)
- [Managing Orphan Drugs for Rare Diseases: Challenges, Opportunities, and Value Assessment](#)
- [The Promise of Big Data in Improving Cancer Care](#)

Immediately following the SP Connect (6-8 p.m.) is a Satellite Symposium, "The Specialty Pharmacy Review Board™ – Assessing the Value of Novel Therapies and Care Management Strategies for Multiple Sclerosis." For more information on this satellite symposium, visit [here](#). Space for SP Connect is limited. To obtain additional information or to register, visit [here](#).



## FDA Draft Guidance on Manufacturer Communications Largely Aligns With AMCP Recommendations

The Academy commended the FDA for its release last month of draft guidance clarifying how biopharmaceutical companies and population health decision makers can proactively share clinical and economic information on both FDA approved products as well as emerging therapies awaiting FDA approval. The draft guidance largely mirrors consensus recommendations that AMCP developed during two multi-stakeholder meetings last year on the topic. Read AMCP's statement [here](#).

*(photo: AMCP leaders visit Capitol Hill last fall to advocate for guidance on the sharing of data)*

## AMCP Celebrates Early Win, But More Work to Be Done



Sometimes the best laid plans are upended when you least expect it!

In mid-January, the FDA released draft guidance to facilitate the sharing of information between biopharmaceutical companies and population health decision makers. To say we were pleasantly surprised is an understatement. We had designated this issue as one of our top advocacy priorities for 2017, and were prepared to work hard throughout the year to convince FDA officials and lawmakers of the need to issue guidance.

And now our plans have shifted, but we are not complaining! We have a starting point to make the case that the draft provisions should be finalized to provide the clarity we need.

The draft guidance, issued Jan. 18, largely mirrors consensus recommendations that AMCP developed during two multi-stakeholder meetings last year on the sharing of information on marketed and pipeline products. And we're proud to note it comes only a few short weeks after we issued our last set of recommendations. [Read more.](#)



## AMCP, PhRMA Foundation Co-Host Conference to Identify and Address Barriers to CER



Roughly 20 Academy members and staff, including Incoming President Diana Brixner, participated in a conference last month to identify barriers hindering the use of comparative effectiveness research (CER) and patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) by clinicians, payers and patients. The event, co-sponsored by the PhRMA Foundation and AMCP, also developed strategies and recommendations to mitigate those barriers.

*Barriers for payers included:* timeliness and robustness of data availability; education and resources; identification of research gaps; and compliance with discrimination requirements. *Strategies to mitigate such barriers include:* identifying organizations to coordinate CER dissemination; educating lawmakers and regulators about CER and its

value; developing standards for a high-quality summary of a CER study; adapting existing registries to include CER information; and recommending that P&T Committees have at least one member who is trained in evaluating CER/HEOR/PCOR/RWE.

“It is encouraging to see the continuous progress of CER and PCOR and the level of commitment among stakeholders, especially patient groups, to translate this research into actionable decision-making tools,” said AMCP member Elizabeth Sampsel, Pharm.D, MBA, BCPS.

Proceedings from the late January conference will be published as a supplement in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy. AMCP will hold a webinar sharing the recommendations on June 8. AMCP also will collaborate with conference organizers to identify additional opportunities to disseminate the recommendations and works towards implementing the strategies identified.

*[For information on the CER Certification Program from the CER Collaborative, click [here](#).]*

*(photos: Upper left, AMCP Incoming President Diana Brixner presents at conference. Lower center, AMCP members and staff participate in panel discussion)*



## AMCP Committee Spotlight: Professional Practice

This month's *News&Views* features the AMCP Professional Practice Committee. Its mission is to define and evaluate the practices of managed care pharmacy and to develop practice advisories and other resources specific to those practices consistent with the mission of the Academy. AMCP caught up recently with Committee Chairperson **Jessica Daw**, MBA, PharmD, Senior Director, Clinical Pharmacy, UPMC Health Plan:

### **What skills and experiences do your committee members bring to the table?**

The members of the Professional Practice Committee come from a variety of practice settings where medication decisions are made at a population level. They are on the cutting edge of practice in this area, and represent a variety of environments, including integrated delivery systems, national and local health plans with experience in Medicare, Medicaid, Commercial, and Exchange, PBMs, academia, the biopharmaceutical industry, the military and specialty pharmacy. They also bring an array of different experience and professional roles, including formulary development, research, leading quality initiatives, medical affairs, and pharmacy directors and managers. Together, these members provide leadership to AMCP on policy practice and resources to allow AMCP to manage the current environment while also preparing for the future. [Read more.](#)

## Corporate PLUS Spotlight: Aventine Consulting LLC





AMCP News&Views caught up recently with **Holly Trautman**, Chief Operating Officer, Aventine Consulting LLC, to get her thoughts on becoming a Corporate PLUS Member and innovations at her company.

**N&V: As you considered becoming a Corporate PLUS Member, what tipped the scales?**

Aventine team members have been engaged as active participants in AMCP for many years. We have been involved with AMCP as the organization has expanded its membership while maintaining its focus on promoting sound medication management to improve health outcomes for the millions of Americans covered by managed pharmacy benefits. As a team of PharmDs and MDs with past experience on the payer side of the access equation, Aventine specializes in the development of formulary submission dossiers and economic modeling for population healthcare decision makers. Aventine has continued to grow and evolve each year with the changing needs of the healthcare industry, and it became clear that supporting AMCP as a Corporate Plus member was a logical and synergistic step for 2017. [Read more](#)



## AMCP Student Pharmacist Chapter: Univ. of North Carolina



Over the past year, the AMCP Chapter at the University of North Carolina has been engaged in a new collaboration with the UNC Kenan-Flagler MBA school. Its aim is to integrate student pharmacists and business students who

have an interest in the health care industry, so they can build relationships, share resources, and learn from one another. To launch the start of this collaboration, UNC's AMCP chapter and the Kenan-Flagler Healthcare Club hosted a Lecture Exchange aimed at increasing exposure between students from each school. [Read more](#)

*(photo: Members of AMCP Chapter at UNC pose with AMCP President Babette Edgar [center left] and CEO Susan A. Cantrell [center right])*



## AMCP Meeting App Offers a Wealth of Information at Your Fingertips

The AMCP Meeting app will help you get the most of the Annual Meeting. Features include:

- Full meeting schedule with descriptions and locations.
- Let's Meet — allows you to reach out directly to your fellow attendees. Messages will be sent to your email!
- Exhibitors — full list of exhibitors with description and a map tool that helps you find them on the Expo floor.
- Activity Feed — where you can provide feedback on certain events/sessions straight from the app.
- Multiple device syncing — once you log in, your schedule and contents will sync across multiple devices.

Information and features are updated daily, so be sure to check often! To download the app to your phone, simply search for "AMCP" in the app store for your IOS or Android device. Meeting attendees will be asked for their registration ID when you first enter the app to see exclusive attendee content. Thank you to **Intarcia Therapeutics** for sponsoring the app.



## AMCP Foundation Health & Wellness Programs and Sock Collection

Bringing health and wellness to you, the AMCP Foundation is hosting two fitness activities at the AMCP Annual Meeting in Denver, March 27-30. Meditate at Sunrise Yoga or take a run through the Mile High City at the 5K Run/Walk before meetings and sessions begin. Get more information on AMCP Foundation Health & Wellness activities on our new website, [run.amcpfoundation.org](http://run.amcpfoundation.org). Sign up when you [register](#) for the Annual Meeting 2017. The AMCP Foundation 5K for the Future Run/Walk is supported by Alkermes, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, and Amgen, Inc. The AMCP Foundation also is engaging attendees in local giving by hosting a charity event to benefit community organizations in Denver. "Knock Your Socks Off" at the Foundation Kiosk by donating a brand-new pair of socks for charity. All socks are welcomed in adult and youth sizes. A token of our appreciation will be given to all attendees who participate. If you're unable to donate socks at the meeting but want to participate, use the AMCP Foundation Amazon [Wish List](#) to donate socks. The Foundation is looking for Kiosk volunteers to help answer questions and facilitate the donations, as well as field inquiries about registration for events. [Volunteer today!](#)



## Satellite Symposia Held in Conjunction with AMCP Annual Meeting 2017!

Attendees at the AMCP Annual Meeting 2017 can earn additional CE credit at nine non-commercial, industry-supported Satellite Symposia! Presented at no additional charge to registered meeting attendees, satellite symposia extend the educational experience of meeting attendees and offer continuing pharmacy education credit, with some also offering continuing medical education credit, continuing nursing education credit, or both. Topics include management of multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic disease, atopic dermatitis, Alzheimer's disease, Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, Multiple Myeloma Update, Emerging Treatments for Type 2 Diabetes and Advancements in Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis. The symposia will be held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. For more information, click [here](#).



## Help AMCP Meet Your Educational Needs - Take the Member Needs Survey

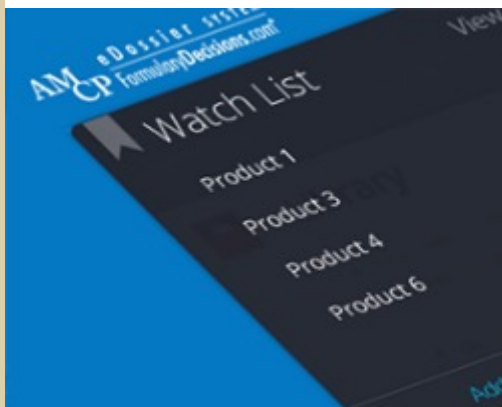
AMCP already has started work on educational sessions for next fall's AMCP Nexus 2017 and other educational offerings later this year and next! AMCP's Educational Affairs Committee would like to learn more about your educational needs as it begins planning. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey below — and feel free to share the survey link with your managed care colleagues. As a special “THANKS” for taking the survey, your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 Visa gift card. Survey must be taken on or before Feb. 10 to be included in the drawing. Find the survey [here](#).



## BBCIC Announces Addition of Apobiologix to Consortium

The Biologics & Biosimilars Collective Intelligence Consortium (BBCIC) last month announced the addition of a new participating organization, Apobiologix. The organization supports the BBCIC's mission to monitor biosimilars and their corresponding novel biologics for effectiveness and safety. “We’re in a new era with complex products entering the market, including biologic proteins, gene therapies, cell-based therapies and biosimilars, and ensuring the quality, value and safety of this new category of treatments is of utmost importance,” said Steven Lydeamore,

President, Apobiologix. “The burgeoning field of biosimilars in particular requires a collaborative approach to research and education, and we are grateful to be part of the BBCIC’s efforts.” [Read more.](#)



## AMCP eDossier System Now Includes Personalized ‘Watch List’

AMCP eDossier System users can now personalize a Watch List ([here](#)) of products most important to them, and outline the product information they want to receive and when. The NEW P&T Planner @FormularyDecisions.com makes it easy for decision makers to plan, schedule and communicate product information needs before or upon FDA approval. It’s easy: **SELECT > SCHEDULE > GO**. The latest available P&T PREP Sheets on the AMCP eDossier System are Nusinersen, Plecanatide, and Lutetium 177 Dotatate. The latest products that have both P&T PREP Sheets and P&T PREP power point presentations available are Crisaborole, Rucaparib, and Autologous Cultured Chondrocytes on Porcine Collagen Membrane. If you would like to schedule an AMCP eDossier System demo, please contact us at: [support@amcp.edossiers.com](mailto:support@amcp.edossiers.com)



## Online Program Presents Payer and Provider Discussions on Overcoming Barriers in Evidence-Based Treatment Decisions in HCV and IBD

AMCP, the AGA Institute, and PRIME Education, Inc. have jointly developed an accredited online program that aims to bridge gaps between payers and providers in the care of GI patients. Experts in HCV, IBD, and managed care pharmacy discuss the latest clinical evidence and identify strategies to improve interprofessional communication, navigate managed care requirements, and leverage resources to improve patient outcomes. Captured live, the webcast presents the most relevant and challenging issues faced by healthcare professionals in making treatment and policy decisions for patients with HCV or IBD. There is no fee to participate in this activity. Learn more and access the program on the PRIME learner portal [here](#).

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